

MINUTES

March 10-11, 2005
Conference Center at Semiahmoo
Blaine, WA

March 10, 2005

Members Present:

Dawn Billings for	Carolyn Bradley
Terry Bergeson	
Carol Coar	Sheila Fox
Vicki Frei	Michael Jones
Tim Knue	David Koyama
Gloria Mitchell	Kathryn Nelson
Sharon Okamoto	Dora Noble
Jamila Norris	Karen Rademaker-Simpson
Martha Rice	Ron Scutt
Dennis Sterner	Yvonne Ullas

Members Absent:

Terry Bergeson	Rebecca Bowers
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Staff Present:

Jennifer Wallace	Pamela Abbott
Esther Baker	Lin Douglas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *To approve the amended minutes of the January 2005 meeting.*
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *To approve the agenda.* **Motion carried.**

REVIEW OF WEST-B BASIC SKILLS TEST PASSING SCORE

Esther Baker provided an update on the WEST-B.

Phil Gullion from National Evaluation Systems presented data on changing the passing scores.

The Board discussed raising the passing score of the WEST-B and expressed an interest in researching data regarding the WEST-B screening out those candidates that institutions feel would do well as teachers or has admitted those candidates that may not have the skills to teach.

Members discussed the potential differences in passing rates of those taking the test before earning a baccalaureate degree and those who have earned a BA/BS or MA/MS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Meadows – WEA

WEA supports not changing the cut score at this time. WEA would like the PESB to study the issue more.

Betsy Cluett – Eastern Washington University.

Advised the PESB to think about how much data is needed before they make a decision.

Ed Rosculp – Heritage University

Asked the PESB to consider the following:

- The issue around the repeated registration fee;
- Institutional need for diagnostic information to better target assistance;
- Disparate impact on different ethnic groups; and
- There are other assessments in the system.

Frank Kline - Seattle Pacific University – WACTE

Encouraged the PESB to:

- Set the WEST-B passing rate at a screening level; realizing all teacher preparation programs have the ability to screen throughout the process;
- Communicate that there are accommodations available for those with documented disabilities;
- Adjust the pricing for those who take the test multiple times; and
- Allow for flexibility in admission

Pat Naughton –

Would like to see the scores disaggregated by type of program. (MIT, Post-Bacc or BA)
Would like to see the WEST-B administered more frequently.

Randy Hathaway – WASPA

In no case have we heard of problems with the WEST-B cut scores. He recommended that the PESB not make a change at this time.

Karen Garrison – Heritage

Underserved populations do not do well on standardized tests. She wants to make sure the PESB does not exclude that group and would like to make sure our teachers represent the make up of our students in the classroom.

Melissa Rickey – Antioch

Students are often encouraged to take one section at a time.

Bunker Frank - SBE

Would like to see what happens to those who take the test, fail and decide not to take the test again. Recommend that the PESB ask institutions to track this population.

There seems to be some differences across institutions on when they receive the test scores and how they use the test score data.

MOTION: *To keep the passing scores on the WEST-B as set in September 2002 remain in effect until the next review of scores to be determined by the PESB.*

MOTION: *Amend the motion above by striking “to be determined by the board” and inserting “two years from now.”*

MOTION: *To rescind the amendment.* **Motion carried.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:
Motion carries.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE

- The Yakima test site will be added as a permanent test site in January 2006.
- Test dates – November 19th is the only date that the administration of the WEST-B & WEST-E/Praxis II tests will be held at the same time.
- IHE Assessment Director’s Meeting – March 18th. 10 people have responded representing 4 institutions.

Proposed Fee Structure

Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$10
Reading Subtest Fee: \$25
Mathematics Subtest Fee: \$25
Writing Subtest Fee: \$25
Total to Register for all Three Subtests: \$85

MOTION: *To accept the new fee structure beginning September 1, 2005.*
Motion carried.

Request of NES: If NES finds this is not revenue neutral, the Board would like NES to provide additional vouchers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Jennifer provided an update on legislation that may affect the PESB.

- Governance Bill
- Professional Certification

Dawn Billings provided the dates/locations for the Summer Institutes and encouraged PESB members to register to attend.

June 21-24	Wenatchee High School
August 1-4	Tacoma Jason Lee Middle School, Mount Tahoma HS. Convention Center
August 9-12	Vancouver Skyview High School, Convention Center
August 15-18	Lewis & Clark High School & Convention Center

UPDATE: PRINCIPAL ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Lin Douglas discussed the meeting held on March 3, 2005 to develop criteria for High Quality Alternative Routes for principal certification.

The Board engaged in a discussion about whether to open the Principal Alternative Routes to non-educators. We will be looking for a way to find aspiring leaders and move them into a leadership program. The primary focus is at the secondary level, where we are experiencing the highest shortage.

RECOMMENDATION TO EXPAND PATHWAY 2 TO INCLUDE ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS AS AN OPTION FOR TEACHERS WHO HOLD EITHER SOCIAL STUDIES OR HISTORY ENDORSEMENTS

Lin discussed the proposal to add English/Language Arts as an option for teachers who hold either Social Studies or History endorsements.

MOTION: *To submit a recommendation to the State Board of Education to amend the Pathways to adding Endorsement chart to include English/Language Arts as an option for teachers who hold either Social Studies or History endorsements. Motion carried.*

OSPI UPDATE

- Certification Road Shows are occurring around the state.
- The Professional Certificate will not just affect the teachers, it will affect all educators.
- Argosy University in Seattle, has been approved for Special Ed and Reading for two years. There are several others knocking on the door.
- On March 22, OSPI, SBE, & PESB will meet regarding the Math Study.

March 11, 2005

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**RECRUITMENT AND PREPARATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS**

Jennifer Wallace provided a PowerPoint presentation on the recruitment and preparation of Speech Language Pathologists and what the PESB has learned thus far. Members were asked to review the draft memo to the State Board and provide comment to each section.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Powers – Washington State University provided public comment on the recruitment of speech language pathologists.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PROGRAM SURVEY DATA

Lin Douglas provided the results from the survey sent out to the Alternative Route Program participants. The Board discussed the survey results

**PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT AND BOARD SELECTION:
ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PARTNERSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS**

The RFP will be re-opened with a deadline of May 6th. We will encourage institutions to in regions not yet served by the program to apply.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

The RFP review panel made the following recommendations

1. The Southwest Washington Consortium for Teacher Development – approve with stipulations;
2. The South Sound Partnership – approve with stipulations
3. The Secondary Teachers Alternate Route (STAR) – approve with stipulations
4. Seattle Pacific University – do not approve.

MOTION: To approve the recommendations of the RFP review panel.
Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion to re-issue the RFP with submission deadline of May 6th.
Motion carried.

BOARD TRAINING SESSION: SERVING ON A PREPARATION PROGRAM REVIEW SITE VISIT TEAM

Arlene Hett, Director of Certification and Professional Education at OSPI, provided training on preparation program review.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kay Nelson adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the PESB will occur May 18-19, 2005 in Spokane, WA.